



McHenry County Workforce Investment Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 AM
McHenry County Workforce Network Center
500 Russel Court, Woodstock, IL 60098
Conference Room 1

1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

- WIB Chairman Dave Niehus presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35AM.
- Kerrie Johnson took the roll call, and a membership quorum was present.

1.2 Member Updates

- Kyra Tillman from BTM industries received National Certification as a Women Owned Small Business by the Women's Business Development Center.

2. Public Comments – Dave Niehus

- None

3. Presentation - Thresholds

- Teri and Jacob from Thresholds did a presentation about the programs they have to help people with mental illnesses get back to work. They will also be holding an Employer Workshop to educate Employers in January. Date to follow.

4. Presentation – Healthcare Industry

- Charlene Choklad from Northwestern Medicine presented on the types of jobs that are available in the healthcare industry and the schooling requirements of those positions.

5. Consent Agenda (VOTE) – Dave Niehus

- Dave asked if there were any changes and or comments to the consent agenda. There were none.
 - Motion to approve made by Julie Courtney
 - 2nd by Sandra Pierce
 - All in favor
 - **Motion Approved**

6. MOU Revisions (VOTE) – Jeffery Poynter

- There were a few technical changes that needed to be made to our PY19 MOU in order to receive full approval. These were only minor changes and were required by DCEO. The board was given a copy of the changes to review prior to the meeting.
 - Motion to approve made by Mary Donner
 - 2nd by Gary Reece
 - All in favor
 - **Motion Approved**

7. Vice Chairman (VOTE) – Dave Niehus

- Dave stated that Don Wallin our former Vice Chairman stepped down from the board in September. Bob Lueders volunteered to take over the position. Dave stated that Bob is a great candidate for this position as he has years of experience on our board.

- Motion to approve nomination made by Julie Courtney
- 2nd by Maria Martinez McKinley
- All others in favor
- **Motion Approved**

8. Local and Regional Plan Updates – Jeffery Poynter

- Jeff explained that through a RFP process we have retained TEC services to write our local plan. TEC Services has the knowledge and experience to complete this type of project. The local plan is good for 4 years. Over the next few weeks, they will be surveying business members to get input for the plan. He explained that there is a small window to get this project done as final plans are due to DCEO by March 31, 2020. Before submittal we will also have to post the plan for public comments, so we need to have this completed in February.
- Jeff stated that Thomas P. Miller and Associates has been retained to write the regional plan. The regional plan is due at the same time as the local plan.

9. Project Search Update – Julie Courtney

- Julie explained that Project Search is an International program designed to help individuals with disabilities get work experience. Northwestern Medicine has been doing this for the last 5 years. Catherine, Julie and Maria are on the steering committee for this. The goal is to have 8-12 individuals take part in a 9 month program to get work experience. A video about the program will be shared with the board.

10. Other Business – Dave Niehus

- Jeff explained that McHenry County Workforce Network has been working with IDES and McHenry County College to coordinate a disability job fair. They are looking for employers who are receptive to hiring people with disabilities. Also looking at employers who may be interested in job sharing, where they hire 2 part time workers to fill full time job. This job fair will be held in Feb. during the day late afternoon. Final date to be announced.
- Jeff explained that the One Stop Center Certification is coming up and we will be looking for volunteers to be on a task force to complete it. The taskforce will review a checklist and make sure that the One Stop Center is physically accessible for everyone.

11. Next Meeting: January 15, 2020; 7:30AM; McHenry County Workforce Network Center

12. Meeting Adjourned 8:35 am

| Attendance | |
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| Name | Representing / Agency |
| 1. Kay Bates | McHenry County Board |
| 2. Mike Reynolds for Kurt Beier | First Institute Training and Management |
| 3. Julio Capeles – Delgado | McHenry County College |
| 4. Choklad, Charlene | Northwestern |
| 5. Julie Courtney | McHenry County Workforce Network |
| 6. Mary Donner | Pace |
| 7. Catherine Jones for Dr. Clinton Gabbard | MCC |
| 8. Paul Harms | Harms Grain Equipment |
| 9. Jeff Poynter for Jenny Herman | JA Frate |
| 10. Bruce Laubinger | Atlantic Track |
| 11. Maria Martinez-McKinley | DRS |
| 12. Sandra Meza | DHS |
| 13. Jeff Poynter for Jim McConoughey | MCEDC |
| 14. Derik Morefield | City of McHenry |
| 15. Dave Niehus | CRV Electronics |
| 16. Robert Passerella | McHenry County Building Trades |
| 17. Sandra Pierce | Phoenix Woodworking |
| 18. Doug Potts | IDES |
| 19. Gary Reece | Heartland Cabinetry |
| 20. Jackie Ruiz | Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce |
| 21. Josh Sajtar | IBEW Local 117 |
| 22. Kyra Tillman | BTM Industries |
| 23. Others / Guests | |
| 24. Jeffery Poynter | MCWNB |
| 25. Kerrie Johnson | MCWNB |
| 26. Maggie Rivera | IMC |
| 27. Doug Martin | City of McHenry |
| 28. Teri Lindahl | Thresholds |
| 29. Jacob | Thresholds |
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